

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 22nd 2008

Webmaster's Choice

Web users may be interested in "Webmaster's Choice", a new menu item that has been added to each page on the IRTS web site. This menu points to a page of links to a small number of external web sites that are felt to be of specific interest to Irish radio experimenters. The page will be updated from time to time.

The new menu item is in the "Links" section of the www.irts.ie web site, which continues to include "Radio Theory" links - as mentioned in this bulletin - and "Other" links to a wide range of relevant web sites.

Theory Examination

The next theory examination for the experimenter licence, which will be held on Wednesday the 9th of July at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin.

Places for the examinations will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will only be reserved on receipt of the appropriate fee. The fee is 50 Euro normally or 25 Euro for full-time registered students, repeat candidates and those who are retired, unemployed or have a disability. Fees should be sent to Seán Nolan EI7CD at QTHR.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the IRTS. When forwarding the exam fee intending candidates should include their e-mail and postal addresses as well as a contact telephone number.

Please note that the closing date for applications to sit the examination is this coming Wednesday, the 25th of June.

Sean EI7CDs address can be found in the IRTS call book or in the call book section of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie Seán's e-mail address for further enquiries is "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie". Useful information for intending candidates, including a sample examination paper, can be found in the Downloads and Radio Theory Links sections of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie

We wish all intending candidates the best of luck in the examination.

Friedrichshafen Rally

The Society will host a stand at this year's Friedrichshafen Rally, which takes place next weekend.

4 Metres in Denmark

It has been reported that the Danish 4-metre band has been extended with three new segments. The 4-metre band allocation is now; 69.9875 to 70 MHz, 70.2375 to 70.2875 MHz which is the new segment and 70.4875 to 70.5125 MHz.

New 4 metre Beacon in Portugal

A new 4-metre beacon using the call-sign, CS5BFM is QRV from Portugal on 70.166 MHz in the newly opened 4 metre amateur band in Portugal. The beacons locator is IM59RD with an antenna altitude of 12 metres above sea level. The antenna is a horizontal doublet dipole beaming 45 degrees and 225 degrees with 10 Watts ERP.

Please, send your signal report to: geral@ct1arr.org and also to DX-Summit Spot Database.

South Dublin Radio club

South Dublin Radio Club plans a cruise on the Shannon over next weekend. Listen for them on the WAI frequencies.

The club plans on having regular talks at the usual club meetings on Tuesdays upstairs at the Ballyroan community centre next to the church on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. These talks are open to visitors from other clubs and short wave listeners from the greater Dublin area. Normally the talks take place at 8:30 p.m. with tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

On the 22nd of July Tony, EI3GU one of the team members of "Fastnet Force 7" will show a film and answer questions on EJ7FRL, the first and only activation (so-far) of Fastnet rock in 1991.

If you think you could talk on a radio or technology topic then contact the club through the website at www.southdublinradioclub.ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 30th of June at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

Contests

Please note that the deadline for logs for the CW Field Day is the 8th of July. The VHF/UHF Field Day will take place on the 5th/6th of July. For up to date information on Contests visit the societys web site on www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026 or 051-340850. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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